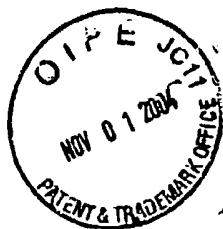


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following Response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, without prejudice:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2;

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